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County News for 5th District Residents

# The Holloway Report

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*Happy Holidays!*

At this festive time of year when we look forward to being able to spend some time with our families and other loved ones I want to take a moment to wish you all the blessings the season has to offer.

While I am Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, with all of the leadership responsibilities that this position entails, I want you all to know that I remain, first and foremost, your Fifth District County Supervisor. I care greatly about the needs of all County citizens, but I especially care about you — my constituents, who have given me this opportunity to serve you for more than ten years.

As Chairman of the County Board, I am working to enhance neighborhood, economic and business development throughout the County and the community. I am also working hard to lead the County Board as a policymaking body into making the right decisions to properly set up our community for future success.

As your County Supervisor, I am attending to the needs of the people of the Fifth District. I am doing this in small ways and in large ways. One of the large ways is the budget amendment I sponsored which will create a Safe Homes project in the central city, including the Fifth District. This is a pilot program, in partnership with agencies such as the YMCA and Boys and Girls Club, which will work to provide fundamental community-based services to at-risk youth.

Hopefully, such efforts — both those with a County-wide focus and those concentrated on specific parts of our community — will make 2003 a better year for everyone in our community. Despite our real and perceived differences, we are all one community and we must all work together.

In that spirit of togetherness, I look forward to being your County Supervisor in the New Year.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lee".

Lee Holloway  
5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor  
County Board Chairman



# Holding the Line on Taxes

## 2003 Milwaukee County budget preserves essential County functions

On November 13, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors completed action on the 2003 Milwaukee County Budget. The 2003 budget was one of the most difficult in years, due largely to stagnant State aids, skyrocketing employee health care costs and the difficult condition of the State and national economy. Nevertheless, the County Board was able to maintain its strong commitment to quality of life, public safety and human services programming while increasing the property tax levy by .3% which is the smallest annual increase since 1992 and the smallest in the metro area.

After receiving the County Executive's Recommended Budget in late September, the County Board spent six weeks reviewing and fine-tuning it. A particular focus for the Board was several proposed reductions in social services and programs serving County youth. The County Board ended up restoring funds to several of these programs, including \$200,000 for the Milwaukee County Sports Authority, \$331,836 for the First Time Juvenile Offenders Program, \$350,000 to address Developmental Disabilities waiting lists and \$500,000 for drug and alcohol treatment.

The County Board also was able to restore funding for several parks and recreational initiatives, including \$750,000 in capital funding for parks infrastructure projects and walkway repairs, \$144,067 for the University of Wisconsin-Extension and \$300,000 to design a comprehensive rehabilitation of the Milwaukee County Historical Society building.



Supervisor Holloway at his desk in the Milwaukee County Courthouse, works on legislation to be introduced during the 2003 Milwaukee County Board budget deliberations.

### 2003 Property Tax Levy Percentage Increases for Milwaukee County Municipalities and Other Area Taxing Jurisdictions compared to Milwaukee County

(Listed in Descending Order of Property Tax Levy Percentage Increase)

Taxing Authority	Tax Levy Percentage Increase
St. Francis	9.72%
Wauwatosa	8.09%
Kenosha County	7.86%
Walworth County	7.59%
Cudahy	6.64%
Shorewood	6.50%
Fox Point	6.40%
MMSD (Metro Sewer)	6.18%
West Allis	5.94%
Whitefish Bay	5.91%
MATC	5.37%
Racine County	5.29%
Franklin	5.00%
Brown Deer	4.97%
City of Milwaukee	4.91%
Hales Corners	4.80%
South Milwaukee	4.60%
Waukesha County	3.78%
MPS	3.61%
Bayside	3.38%
Ozaukee County	2.44%
Washington County	2.30%
River Hills	2.17%
Greendale	1.98%
Glendale	1.40%
Greenfield	1.04%
<b>Milwaukee County</b>	<b>0.347%</b>
Oak Creek	0%

*These are just a few of the highlights contained in the 2003 Milwaukee County Budget. Please feel free to contact Supervisor Holloway for additional information.*

# The Milwaukee Community Journal

The following article was printed in the December 4th edition of the Milwaukee Community Journal newspaper. It is reprinted with the expressed permission by the editor.

*County Supervisor Lee Holloway's recent election as Chairman of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors was a historic event for Milwaukee County. However, a lingering question among members of the African American community is "What does this mean for me?"*

## ***The following is the chairman's response:***

Although I've been a Milwaukee County elected official for more than 10 years, being Chairman of the Board has heightened my exposure to issues affecting Milwaukee County. Milwaukee County - the community and the people - is in a situation that is unparalleled: 1) The economy continues to be unstable, 2) Children are increasingly becoming involved in adult-level crimes, 3) Wisconsin leads the nation in teen pregnancy 4) Drop out rates of area high school children have hit record levels, 5) African Americans in top management positions are sparse, 6) African American youth have one of the highest levels of poverty in the nation, and 7) the Milwaukee area continues to be one of the most segregated in the country.

Despite these problems, I continue to be optimistic. I love this community and I still believe things can be turned around for the better. But I'm wise enough to know that elected officials can't do it alone. A joint effort is needed with business and community leaders. The following are some initiatives that I've attempted to spearhead during my first 60 days in office as Chairman of the County Board to address some of these problems:

### **Safe Homes for Children**

During the recent budget deliberations, I introduced legislation that pilot's the Safe Homes program. Safe Homes is a prevention program targeting Milwaukee County youth with emotional, developmental, social or other barriers that may place them at risk in their community. It establishes a series of 'homes' which will serve as havens for impoverished at-risk youth. These Safe Homes are expected to be multi-dimensional by providing food, clothing and other necessities to residents. In addition, Milwaukee County will partner with organizations such as the YMCA, the YWCA, the Boys and Girls Club along with other social services agencies to provide a number of positive alternatives for these youth.

### **Economic Support for businesses**

I initiated a creative approach that encourages contractors and Milwaukee County workers to purchase goods and services in the community. Though not yet fully implemented, the Milwaukee County Procurement Division, using Milwaukee County issued credit cards, will monitor contractors and expenditures to increase the number of purchases from local area businesses.

### **Health Care**

One of the reasons Milwaukee County is facing financial constraints is due to the increasing costs required for providing health care to employees. I have begun discussions with neighboring government entities and we are committed to look at ways to combine efforts in purchasing health care. I am hopeful that this will be the beginning of an opportunity that will help leverage an increased negotiating power with potential health care providers.

### **Economic Development: Marquette Interchange**

In 2004, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation will begin the reconstruction project along the Marquette Interchange. This project will be a gigantic economic impetus to the community. My goal is to assure that a percentage of funds allocated for this project will be directed to local area contractors.

### **Economic Development: Park East Corridor**

The demolished Park East freeway promises to be an economic boost for Downtown Milwaukee. The land underneath, part of which is owned by Milwaukee County, borders on Milwaukee's central city. As Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, I intend to bring the voice of the community to the table when decisions are made for economic and community development opportunities.

### **Community Support**

As you can see, I've already begun working toward increasing Milwaukee County's role in helping the community, businesses and the local economy. And, believe me, this is only the beginning. During the next six months, I've committed to meeting both formally and informally with business leaders, community groups, faith-based organizations and other elected officials to start developing a master plan for Milwaukee County.

I'm confident that bringing together people from diverse sectors of this community will aid in ensuring that the best outcomes occur for the people that live, work and raise a family in Milwaukee County.

## **5th District Listening Session**

**Supervisor Holloway**  
would like to hear from you!

**Washington Park  
Senior Center**  
4420 W. Vliet Street

**Wednesday  
January 15, 2003  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**The Milwaukee Community shows  
their support by congratulating  
Chairman Holloway**



Supervisor Holloway reminisces with long time neighbor and 5th District resident, Rolfe Nervig, during a Community Celebration held in Chairman Holloway's honor at Sir Desmond's Family Restaurant on September 30, 2002. More than 300 community leaders, elected officials and supporters attended the celebration.

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December 6

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